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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OTB

1. The OTB (Osoboye Tekhnicheskoye Byuro), or Special Technical Bureau, was subordinate to the Soviet Navy Ministry, and was [redacted] established or organized in the town of Sestroretsk (N60-07, E20-57) during the latter part of 1946. The bureau began to function with the arrival of the German specialists who were temporarily settled in Sestroretsk. This special bureau was staffed with Soviet naval officers as technical supervisors, headed by Capt. First Class SERBIN. Organizationally, the bureau functioned in a form of a military unit [See Organization Chart, page 5]. During this period, until the date of transfer in 1947, the OTB maintained temporary offices in Sestroretsk, where the German specialists worked only on the re-construction of designs and drawings and the writing of reports, since there were no workshops or technical offices containing machines or equipment. 50X1-HUM
2. In April - May of 1947, the OTB began to transfer its offices and personnel from Sestroretsk to Menshikov Castle, located near Lomonosov (formerly Oranienbaum), where it continued to function until its dissolution in May of 1948. The castle had been rehabilitated to house the Soviet and German personnel and their families. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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ACTIVITIES OF THE OTB FROM NOVEMBER 1946 to MAY 1948

3. During this period, the work of the German specialists consisted primarily of the reconstruction of German underwater mines mechanisms and of the preparation of numerous reports depicting our experiences with World War II German mine and torpedo development. Several German engineers and designers were engaged in reconstructing design drawings and diagrams of mine fuse mechanisms from memory and from actual samples of captured German mines brought by the Soviets to the USSR. The Germans were divided into three basic groups. Group I, headed by LAWITSCHKA

was engaged

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in torpedo propulsion developments, The torpedo fuse section (Group II) worked on the development of torpedo fusing mechanisms.

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DISSOLUTION OF THE OTB (MAY 1948)

4. In the first part of 1948, it appeared that the Navy became dissatisfied with the progress and after many technical arguments and disagreements with the German specialists, turned over the castle and German personnel to the MSP.

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with the dissolution of the OTB, armament activities came to an end. However, the torpedo propulsion group (LAWITSCHKA) later continued armament work under the administration of the Branch NII 400.

PLACEMENT OF SOVIET AND GERMAN PERSONNEL AT THE OTB, NOVEMBER/1946-MAY 1948)

5. listed below both the Soviet and German personnel known to me at the OTB during the period of its operation. This listing is according to a breakdown by departments [see the Organization Chart, page 5]. After the dissolution of the OTB in May 1948, the 30 German specialists all remained with the Branch in Lomonosov when its administration was taken over by NII 400, but only a very few of the Soviet officers continued working there.

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Soviet Navy Ministry

ALFEROV Capt. 1st Class

High ranking official at the ministry. Head of the department to which the OTB was responsible.

OTB, Special Technical Bureau, Lomonosov

BURKHANOV Kontr Admiral

Organizer of the deportation action, briefly head of the OTB. Capt. SERBIN replaced him in 1947.

SERBIN Capt. 1st Class

Assumed administration of OTB after the disappearance of BURKHANOV.

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Torpedo Propulsion Section

LITVINOV

Naval engineer officer in charge
of Group I (LAWITSCHKA).

German personnel: Group I

ABERMETH, Hubert	Dipl.Ing.-Designer
DUERING, Ursula	Draftswoman
GUTSCHE, Fritz	Dr. Ing.
KEMPA, Ewald	Ing.-Designer
LAWITSCHKA, Kurt	Dipl. Ing. Head of the German Group I.
LOEWIS, Eduard	Dipl. Ing.
MAGERSTAEDT, Ernet	Ing.
MYSLIWITSCHKEK, Hans	Dipl. Ing.
SIMMEL, Paul	Ing.
SCHOLZ, Walter	Dipl. Ing.

Torpedo Fuse Section

GUSYEV

Major

In charge of Group II (GLOEDE)
and Group III (KOLL).

German personnel: Group II

BOESE, Bruno	Ing.
DILL, Johann	Ing.-Designer
GLOEDE, Georg	Dipl. Ing. Head of the German Group II.
GRAEFE, Gerhard	Dipl. Ing.-Physicist
HILDEBRANDT, Ernet	Ing.
KLENKE, Ewald	Dr. rer.Math.
MARTIN, Hans	Dipl. Ing.
SEDLER, Gerhard	Ing.

Underwater Mine Fuse Section

BRIKIN

Capt.2nd Class

Deputy to Major GUSYEV
and in charge of Group
III.

German personnel: Group III

BACHMANN, Gerhard	Ing.-Designer
GLOEDE, Helga	Designer-Draftswoman Wife of Georg GLOEDE.
GRAF, Kaspar	Master Electro - Mechanic
GRAHMUELLER, Hermann	Master Electro - Mechanic

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HEINZERLING, Heinz Dr. rer. Math.
 JASCHKE, Elizabeth Secy. - Steno. Worked for all groups.
 JOHN, Kurt Ing.
 KAMANN, Elfriede Draftswoman
 KOLL, Roman Dipl. Ing. In charge of German Group III.
 LUEBCKE, Ernst /STIB/ Prof. Dr. Phil. Worked as consultant for all groups.

MAECKBACH, Frank ☐ Dr. Phil. - Physicist
 PROMNITZ, Heinz Ing. - Designer

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Quartermaster and Subsistence

MAKHAYEV Major Naval officer

Pay-Master's Office

GARAYOV Major Naval officer

Security Section (MVD)

DUBROVIN Major Naval officer

Technical Interpreters Office

MEDVEDYEV Major * Naval officer Chief Interpreter
 KOSOV Lt. * Naval officer
 Technical Interpreter

VETLOV Lt. * " "

VETLOVA, Tatyana Lt. * " "

Dispensary

KORONEV - LEONTYEV Major Naval medical officer,
 The OTB dispensary
 serviced both Soviet and
 German personnel.

Guard Section

No information available.

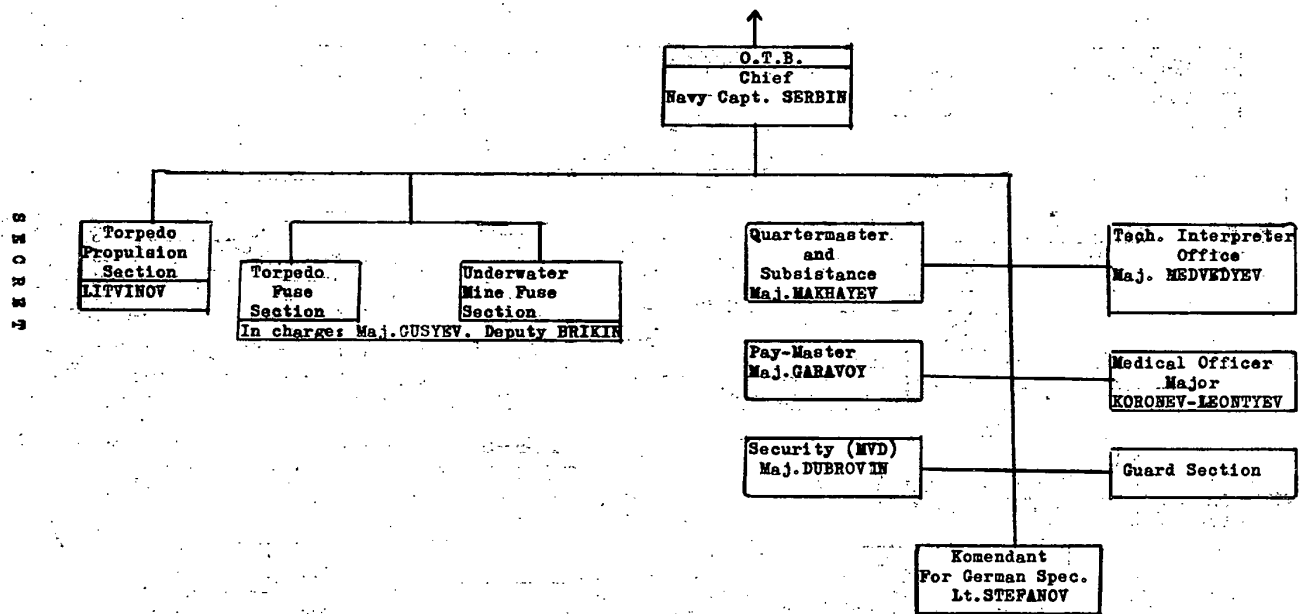
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STEPANOV Lt. * Naval officer

* These officers remained with the Branch, NII 400, until early 1951 after the OTB was dissolved in 1948.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF O.T.B. IN LOMONOSOV
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